

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **September 21, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Radamacher, Janice Dallas, Barbara Cutler, Susan James, Barbara Jones.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kerrie Fallon, Maureen St. Hilaire, Heidi Hample.

Others present: Jack Jones ADA Coordinator

Town Day was briefly discussed. A man and his service dog attended our booth thanks to Heidi Hample's efforts. She also invited him to our Commission meeting.

Barbara Cutler's article published in the Advocate was discussed. Jack Jones said he had received two phone calls since the article was printed. One woman wants to support the effort to prevent bricks from being used in the path of travel on sidewalks. Another woman telephoned to report she and a friend had fallen on the bricks and knew of others who had fallen at the Senior Center. She would like to support the Commission regarding bricks. Susan James inquired if the DLC could get involved in this issue. Barbara Cutler will follow up with the AG's office.

Jack Jones said the contractor for the curb cut ramp project will be ERA Equipment and work should start in a couple of weeks.

Regarding the Mass. Ave. Corridor Project, Michael Radamacher said the material for the decorative edging on the sidewalks may be colored concrete with a stamp or scoring. Work on the project will probably begin in 2013. Michael followed up with the architect for locations of materials used for decorative edging but has not heard back.

Jack Jones sent the letter of support for the Capital Square apartments to the AAB.

Jack Jones talked about a variance High Rock Church was requesting. The work to move their meeting place would be prohibitively expensive to make a second floor room accessible. The variance states that the church will accommodate anyone with a disability by moving rooms around. Barbara Cutler suggested inviting them to our meeting. Janice Dallas opposes the variance.

Jack Jones discussed goals for the Commission in the coming year. He said one goal will be to fully staff the Commission. Barbara Cutler suggested education, special Ed in

regard to access should be included. Barbara Jones suggested inviting a department head to each meeting for better communication. Jack Jones will invite Carol Kowalski to our October meeting.

Barbara Cutler and Barbara Jones announced their resignation effective November 2011 when their terms expire.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.